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UTILITY **PATENT APPLICATION** TRANSMITTAL

8403.822 Attorney Docket No. Donald E. Weder First Inventor SYSTEM FOR FORMING A DECORATIVE COVER FOR A PLANT HAVING SUBSTANTIAL HORIZONTAL GROWTH

EV 272908643 US (Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b)) Express Mail Label No. Mail Stop Patent Appl., Comm.for Patents **APPLICATION ELEMENTS** ADDRESS TO: PO Box 1450 See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents. Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17) CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix) Applicant claims small entity status. 8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission See 37 CFR 1.27. (if applicable, all necessary) cproduction [Total Pages 56]
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
- Description (**) 3. [X Computer Readable Form (CRF) - Descriptive title of the invention Specification Sequence Listing on: - Cross Reference to Related Applications CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D - Reference to sequence listing, a table. ii. 🔲 paper or a computer program listing appendix

- Background of the Invention Statements verifying identity of above copies - Brief Summary of the Invention **ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS** - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed) - Detailed Description -Redline Specification _ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s)) - Claim(s) -Clean Specification __ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement Power of - Abstract of the Disclosure 10. Attorney (when there is an assignee) 4. X English Translation Document (if applicable) Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets Copies of IDS Information Disclosure 12. X 5. Oath or Declaration [Total Pages Citations Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Newly executed (original or copy) Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63 (d)) (for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed) 13. **Preliminary Amendment** Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) 14. X (Should be specifically itemized) Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) (if foreign priority is claimed) **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)** 15. Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. 122 16. 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b). (b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent. Other: Copy of Notification of Filing Continuing or Divisional Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76 17. X Application in Parent Case filed October 2, 2002 18. This application is: X Continuation Continuation-in-part (CIP) 10/263,487 of prior application No.: Prior application information. J. Geliner 3643 Examiner Group Art Unit: As a CON, DIV, or CIP, this application contains one or more changes to (1) the specification; (2) drawings; or (3) claims in the aboveidentified prior application. A red-line version of the application showing these changes will be made available to the examiner upon request. 19. CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS 30589 Customer Number or Bar Code Label Correspondence address below (Insert Customer No. or Attach bar code label here) Dunlap, Codding & Rogers, P.C. Name P. O. Box 16370 Attn: Kathryn L. Hester, Ph.D. **Address** City Oklahoma City State OK Zip Code 73113 USA (405) 607-8686 Country (405) 607-8600 Telephone Fax Kathryn L. Hester, Ph.D. 46,768 Name (Print/Type) Registration No. (Attorney/Agent) Signature Date

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Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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| Application Number | Not Yet Assigned | | | |
| Filing Date | 09/24/2003 | | | |
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| Account Number | 1051 | 130 | 2051 | 65 | Surcharge - late filing fee or oath | |
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| Account Name Customer No. 30589 | 1053 | 130 | 1053 | 130 | cover sheet Non-English specification | |
| The Commissioner is authorized to: (check all that apply) | 1812 | | 1812 | | For filing a request for ex parte reexamination | |
| Charge fee(s) indicated below | 1804 | 920* | 1804 | 920* | Requesting publication of SIR prior to | |
| Charge any additional fee(s) during the pendency of this application | | | | | Examiner action | |
| Charge fee(s) indicated below, except for the filling fee to the above-identified deposit account. | 1805 | 1,840* | 1805 | 1,840* | Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action | |
| FEE CALCULATION | 1251 | 110 | 2251 | 55 | Extension for reply within first month | |
| 1. BASIC FILING FEE | 1252 | 410 | 2252 | 205 | Extension for reply within second month | |
| Large Entity Small Entity | 1253 | 930 | 2253 | 465 | Extension for reply within third month | |
| Fee Fee Fee Fee Fee Paid Code (\$) Code (\$) | 1254 | 1,450 | 2254 | 725 | Extension for reply within fourth month | |
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| 1001 750 2001 375 Offitty filing fee 750 | 1401 | 320 | 2401 | 160 | Notice of Appeal | |
| 1003 520 2003 260 Plant filing fee | 1402 | 320 | 2402 | 160 | Filing a brief in support of an appeal | |
| 1004 750 2004 375 Reissue filing fee | 1403 | 280 | 2403 | 140 | Request for oral hearing | |
| 1005 160 2005 80 Provisional filing fee | 1451 | 1,510 | 1451 | 1,510 | Petition to institute a public use proceeding | |
| SUBTOTAL (1) (\$) 750 | 1452 | 110 | 2452 | 55 | Petition to revive - unavoidable | |
| | 1453 | 1,300 | 2453 | 650 | Petition to revive - unintentional | |
| 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE | | 1,300 | 2501 | | Utility issue fee (or reissue) | <u> </u> |
| Extra Claims below Fee Paid Total Claims 32 20 = 12 x 18 = \$216 | 1502 | 470 | 2502 | | Design issue fee | |
| Independent 3 -3 **= 0 x 84 =\$0 | 1503 | 630 | 2503 | | Plant issue fee Petitions to the Commissioner | \vdash |
| Claims J = 3 - 6 A = 50 | 1460 | 130 | 1460 | | | 1 |
| | 1807 | 50 | 1807 | | Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q) | |
| Large Entity Small Entity | 1806 | 180 | 1806 | | Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt Recording each patent assignment per | |
| Code (\$) Code (\$) 1202 18 2202 9 Claims in excess of 20 | 8021 | 40 | 8021 | 40 | property (times number of properties) | <u> </u> |
| 1202 18 2202 9 Claims in excess of 20 1201 84 2201 42 Independent claims in excess of 3 | 1809 | 750 | 2809 | 375 | Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a)) | |
| 1203 280 2203 140 Multiple dependent claim, if not paid | 1810 | 750 | 2810 | 375 | For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b)) | |
| 1204 84 2204 42 ** Reissue independent claims over original patent | 1801 | 750 | 2801 | 375 | ` | |
| 1205 18 2205 9 ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent | 1802 | 900 | 1802 | 900 | Request for expedited examination of a design application | |
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NOTIFICATION OF FILING OF CONTINUING OR DIVISIONAL APPLICATION

Notification is hereby being made of the filing of a:

| [X] | continuation | (8403.822) | | |
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| [] | continuation-in-part | | | |
| [] | divisional application for this case | | | |
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